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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-57 (Canceled).

58 (Currently amended). The method of claim 59 where the document is received from the [[an]] originator by means of an included communication network.

59 (Currently amended). A method to distribute a document to one or more recipients comprising, the method comprising, by a document distributing apparatus :

receiving the document from an originator , the document comprising a cover paper sheet, the cover paper sheet including a cover sheet information, the ~~document~~ cover sheet information comprising a document distribution job information , and the document further comprising one or more document paper sheets, the one or more document paper sheets including a document sheet information, wherein the cover paper sheet is separate and distinct from the one or more document paper sheets;

scanning the document ~~cover paper sheet~~ to provide the document distribution job information ;

distributing the document based on the document distribution job information to one or more recipients ; and

subsequent to distributing the document, receiving the document as such document is returned from at least one recipient of the one or more recipients, where the document that is received as being returned from the at least one recipient includes cover sheet information that has been modified by the at least one recipient.

60 (Currently amended). The method of ~~claim 59~~ claim 64 including determining when the current document distribution job is complete, such determining when the current document distribution job is complete including determining when the document has been received from all recipients of the one or more recipients.

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61 (Currently amended). The method of claim 60 including, when it is determined that the current document distribution job is complete, returning the document to **[[an]] the** originator.

62 (Previously presented). The method of claim 60 including, when it is determined that the current document distribution job is not complete, continuing to distribute the document.

63 (Previously presented). The method of claim 62, including continuing to distribute the document to the remaining recipient or recipients of the one or more recipients.

64 (New). The method of claim 59, where the document that is received as being returned from the at least one recipient further includes document sheet information that has been modified by the at least one recipient.

65 (New). The method of claim 59 including determining when the current document distribution job is complete, such determining when the current document distribution job is complete including determining when the document has been received from all recipients of the one or more recipients.

66 (New). The method of claim 65 including, when it is determined that the current document distribution job is complete, returning the document to the originator.

67 (New). The method of claim 65 including, when it is determined that the current document distribution job is not complete, continuing to distribute the document.

68 (New). The method of claim 67, including continuing to distribute the document to the remaining recipient or recipients of the one or more recipients.